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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT: Aerial Reconnaissance System

REFERENCE: OEL 322/64, 8 April 1964

25X1A 1. During discussion in your office Thursday, 21 May, you made numerous suggestions regarding the study of a navigable balloon whose primary purpose would be for aerial ELINT collection. We have given your remarks careful consideration and concur that the unsolicited proposal of [] is too extensive and beyond their capability.

25X1A 2. Because of the inherent advantages and flexibility which the navigable balloon system can provide we propose to conduct the study shown in Figure 1 to determine performance capability and feasibility.

25X1A [] participation would be only in those areas in which they have demonstrated competence. The Agency would provide required wind information to [] and would develop all of the operational studies, conduct trade-off analyses, and consider additional applications of this concept.

25X1A 3. With your concurrence we propose to solicit from [] fixed price proposal for work consistent with the tasks outlined in Figure 1. The proposed schedule is somewhat extended in time from the unsolicited proposal and is more realistic. Some slight additional funds may be desired in excess of the contractor's original proposal to insure completeness and thoroughness. In consideration of the operational and administrative aspects of the program we propose to use OEL funds for this project.

FIGURE 1

